

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1-21. (canceled)

22. (previously presented) A personal assistant system, comprising:  
a personal assistant;  
an electronic physician data module for collecting, storing, processing, and referencing information, the electronic physician data module being in said personal assistant;  
an automated data collection module for inputting a patient identifier and relating said identifier with said information, the automated data collection module being in said personal assistant;  
a sound recording device integral with said personal assistant;  
a dictation module for electronically storing recorded voice from said sound recording device as a voice file, the automated dictation module being adapted to associate said voice file with said information;  
a voice to text module for translating said voice file into a text file; and  
an information transmission device integral with said personal assistant; wherein the information transmission device is an alpha-numeric scanner.

23. (canceled)

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28. (canceled)

29. (previously presented) The system of claim 22, further comprising a connection to an external computer.
30. (previously presented) A method of automatically associating information with an individual identified by an identifier, said method comprising:
- storing said information in a personal assistant, wherein said personal assistant comprises an alpha-numeric scanner;
- recording a voice file associated with said information;
- scanning an identifier using an alpha-numeric scanner and relating said identifier with said voice file;
- translating said voice file into a text file; and
- automatically associating the identifier with the information.
31. (previously presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the step of scanning an identifier is the act of scanning a first alpha-numeric code uniquely associated with the individual.
32. (previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of providing a physician with a second alpha-numeric code associated with information.
33. (previously presented) The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of scanning the second alpha-numeric code.
34. (previously presented) The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of associating the information associated with the second alpha-numeric code with the individual.
35. (previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of transferring the information to a computer.
36. (canceled)

37. (canceled)

38. (previously presented) A software program for operating a personal assistant system, comprising:

a personal assistant;

an electronic physician data module for collecting, storing, processing, and referencing information, the electronic physician data module being in said personal assistant;

an automated data collection module for inputting a patient identifier and relating said identifier with said information, the automated data collection module being in said personal assistant;

a sound recording device integral with said personal assistant;

a dictation module for electronically storing recorded voice from said sound recording device as a voice file, the automated dictation module being adapted to associate said voice file with said information; and

a voice to text module for translating said voice file into a text file; and

wherein said automated data collection module accepts data gathered by an alpha-numeric scanner integral with said personal assistant.

39. (canceled)

40. (previously presented) The software program of claim 38, wherein the electronic physician data module associates a patient record with a patient.

41. (previously presented) The software program of claim 40, wherein said association occurs via data gathered by the alpha-numeric scanner.